

# KILIMANJARO COMMUNITY PROJECTS

JANUARY - MARCH 2019



AfricanImpact

13 VOLUNTEERS  
5 NATIONALITIES  
926 HOURS VOLUNTEERED



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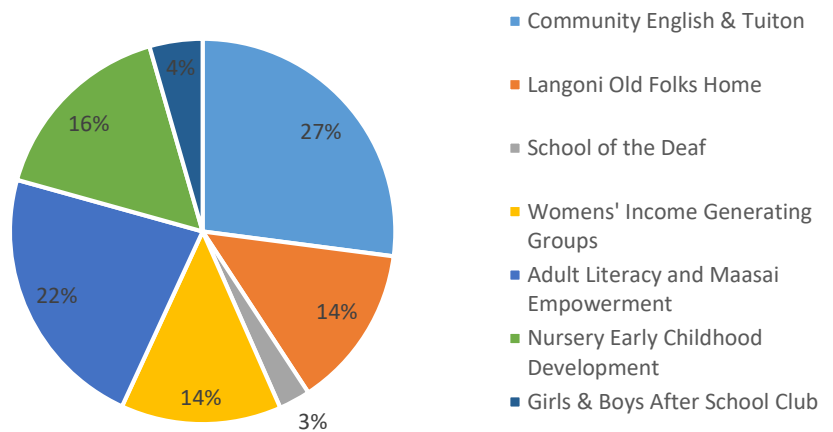
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LANGUAGE LESSON:

"KARIBU"

"Welcome" in  
Kiswahili

## HOURS SPENT VOLUNTEERING ON EACH ACTIVITY



## WHAT'S NEW ON THE GROUND?

1. Schools back! After a long Christmas break, we were very happy to see our students again and discuss how our holidays had been. We kick-started the year with a good number of students in each class, including some new faces.
2. On 8th March, we proudly joined Moshi Municipal Council and over 800 other women to march around Moshi City Center for International Women's Day. Two of our women's groups, and some male students took to the streets!

## EDUCATION PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



- January is all about capturing knowledge. At Shiners Nursery, we had 19 new students joining classes and taking baseline exams. The average mark was 26% across the class – which isn't a bad starting point!
- A much-requested 'Social Talks' curriculum began at our Community Classes. Every Thursday, we take time to practice our English, debating and discussing relevant topics. We started the year with "Education" and debated whether girls' should be allowed to return to school after they've had a child. A huge percent of students came up with some incredible points.



# FEMALE EMPOWERMENT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- More knowledge-capturing! In February, we returned to Kimochi Secondary and took knowledge baselines with 102 Form 1 students. The baseline average was a brilliant 68%, however with very low average marks on STI knowledge (19%) – which we will be focusing on in 2019.
- Our female empowerment staff team completed applications to the 'Yale Young African Scholars' program on behalf of a whopping 10 students from Kimochi Secondary – watch this space!
- With the support and creativity of two recent female empowerment volunteers, Msaranga Womens' Group developed a brand new product that used scraps of material they can't sew into their handmade mats: tassle-earrings! The products have been a huge success so far, and we hope they sell well in hotels too.



## MAASAI LITERACY PROGRAM

- As with our Community Classes, our Maasai Literacy project are following a 'Social Talks' curriculum too. The majority of our students are small-business owners so our Social Talks are focused on business and marketing – which has meant lots of hilarious role-playing about 'good' and 'difficult' customers!
- We finished 2018 with a Research Project on the Maasai Mamas staying in Moshi town. After a few months reviewing, we have approached the women with an idea for a continued project. The women are very excited to join us again, and we expect to do some product development with them in April!



"Is the whole idea of volunteering bad for the local communities? After day one all my concerns were gone. African Impact is clearly a sustainable, responsible organization who are doing real, long-lasting good for people who don't need help or handouts, but rather need to learn how to help themselves and become empowered to lift themselves up by developing skills and confidence. I felt like I actually made an impact in my classes and projects because AI finds and uses the strengths of each volunteer to make sure they are doing what they are most qualified to do. Working on the female empowerment projects-- 2 women's groups, adult English classes, and sex ed for high schoolers-- was a really rewarding experience for me."

Karina Portuondo, Female Empowerment Volunteer

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

After every quarter, the women's' groups that we work with distribute their earnings. This quarter, WAKIPA doubled their profit from 2018, making a huge \$240 (of which half is going towards investing in purchasing land and building a small structure for equipment storage). Msaranga Women's Group equally made a great profit with each member receiving between 15,000Tsh - 25,000Tsh (\$7 - \$12.50). Both groups are proud of their hard work (as are we!) and keep exploring ways to increase their income. Well done ladies.

## ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT

6 Rafiki conquer Kilimanjaro! Our partner walking tour company, 6Rafiki (a previous business start-up supported by African Impact, but now standing alone) have started offering day hikes up to the first base of Mt Kilimanjaro. If you don't want to conquer the whole thing, this is a great option and we're happy to see 6Rafiki growing their business! Keep it up.



## AFRICAN IMPACT FOUNDATION UPDATE

We've began our new Physiotherapy Project with Langoni Wazee Elders. A local physiotherapist completed mobility assessments with 21 residents and found 5 out of 21 are "active"; 9 out of 21 had "reduced mobility" and 7 out of 21 had "very reduced mobility". Our next plan is to create individual interventions programs and begin to purchase relevant intervention devices. [Donate here.](#)

We are working super hard to try and raise money for the Wazee Physiotherapy program here on the ground, and have already completed two quiz nights since January - raising over \$320! If you have any great fundraising ideas for the Wazee, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Sarah: [sarahm@africanimpact.com](mailto:sarahm@africanimpact.com) to share your thoughts!

Until next time...

THE KILIMANJARO TEAM

